

Waltham, Mass., Sept 25, '91

My dear Sir

Many thanks for your help in fixing that Asiatic Rhus, long ago; for your more recent information concerning a *Lamium*, and now for your suggestion that the *Phyllocactus* which has provoked me so much by claiming to be the night blooming *Cereus* may be a hybrid. The only book, easily accessible by me, throwing any light on the subject is Auguste Griseb's *Nouveau Jardinier*; and I could not make the plant agree exactly with either of the species described by him; though it comes pretty near to *deMeire's grandis*, and pretty near to *Salm Dyck's latifolius* and *Hookeri*.

I am sure you have no *Mesasperrum*. I like this plant very much, - I know of 7 or 8 very fine thrifty staminate plants, but have not seen a pistillate one since I left Ohio in 1862 or 3.

With renewed thanks

Yours truly

W. Hill.

Mr Curator Watson.

Can Mr Watson, without much labor,
give Miss A. S. Gray, for Th. Hill, the
answers to the following questions?

First. Do there grow in the Botanic
Garden a pistillate plant of *Mesquiper-
num Canadense*? Dr Hill has plenty
of the Staminate, and desires to get either
a cutting from a pistillate, or some seeds, to try
to raise a pistillate specimen.

Secondly. Can Mr Watson give him the
botanical name of that showy white
flowered Cactus, which blooms in the evening,
and which has, for thirty years past, been
extensively and impudently advertised in
the newspapers as the "Night blooming Cereus",
and admired as such by thousands of people
who never saw the real "Night blooming Cereus".

[Th Hill]